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Absorbent article comprising

an absorbent core defining a core region comprising a core backsheet material;

a chassis region surrounding said core region comprising a chassis backsheet material;

whereby at least the core backsheet material comprises a laminate;

said laminate comprising at least one <u>polymeric</u> layer comprising a vapour or gas permeable [polymeric] film material, and further comprising a fibrous layer positioned towards the outer side of the article during its intended use,

characterized in that

said at least one polymeric [film] layer is a unitary layer extending both into the core backsheet material and the chassis backsheet material,

and whereby the core backsheet material and the chassis backsheet material which comprises said unitary layer exhibit different degrees of breathability such that MVTR value of the core backsheet material is lower than of the chassis backsheet material, and wherein said polymeric [film] layer comprises a polymeric matrix and particulate filler material embedded in said polymeric matrix and wherein said breathability is provided by cracks formed around said particulate filler material.

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An absorbent material according to claim 1, wherein the polymeric [film] layer is wider than the fibrous layer.

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An absorbent article according to claim 1, whereby said laminate layer has a basis weight of less than 70 gsm where it comprises said polymeric layer and said fibrous layer.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. This attachment contains a complete claim set showing all claims as currently pending, whether or not they are being amended with this response. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made".